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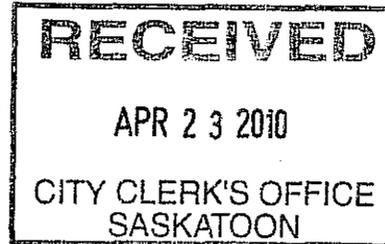
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His Worship, Mayor Don Atchison
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Via fax 975-2784

Dear Mayor Atchison and Council members:

Re: North Downtown

The south downtown has been a much discussed project for over 30 years, including the MVA trail. There have been multi-million dollars and much effort spent in this area. Additionally, Council seems willing to do whatever it takes, make haste, reduce land prices and bend as requested, all to incite the development of the south downtown land. Hopefully all of this hope, faith and investment of City money to make developments happen will come to a successful conclusion.

However, the City and Council need to keep in mind that this is not the only area of downtown Saskatoon that requires Council's immediate attention. We ask that you do not forget about the developers who already have made a long-term commitment to this city and are here for the long haul.

I ask the City to put similar time, effort and money into quickly resolving the issues that face the portion of 2nd Avenue that is north of 21st Street. Over the same period of time that the latest round of south downtown discussions have been taking place, our company has spent, and is continuing to spend, millions of private sector dollars on projects in this pivotal part of downtown. We have built many of our projects and restored heritage properties on the north side of downtown: Starbucks at 2nd Avenue and 22nd Street, the CBC building, the Frakas building at 2nd Avenue and 21st Street, the old Modern Press Building (SaskTel Customer Relationship Centre) and the CP Station. We are currently committing millions of dollars to develop our new office building to be located at 450 2nd Avenue North. We expect to have it ready for occupancy by summer 2011.

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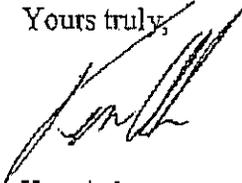
I would be remiss if I did not also mention our massive redevelopment of The King George, now a landmark property in Saskatoon. Council does not have to hope for the reality of our multi-million dollar investment in this property coming to fruition. With little fanfare, we have already done exactly what we said we would do and in a timely way. We paid for the land on the due date without extensions, notwithstanding that the City imposed inflexible restrictions and as a result we were forced to buy the building encumbered with code issues occasioned by the previous owners. Notwithstanding our upfront commitment of millions of dollars, we were told we had to live with the City rules, no exceptions. We condominiumized this multi-use property within the old provincial legislation, something others said was an impediment to development in south downtown. We faced many challenges but made no excuses and just built it. What we accomplished speaks for itself every time you drive down 2nd Avenue.

Our overwhelming response from both Council and the citizens of Saskatoon is that the new King George has re-energized the corner of 23rd and 2nd along with The Bay redevelopment. However, everyone asks us why the City has not responded in kind and moved the bus mall, the single biggest detriment to this area. Discussions to move it began several years ago, and on the strength of the City's acknowledgment that it would be moved, we invested millions of dollars. To date, it has been studied and studied by the City. The City continues to acknowledge the problems with the bus mall but nothing happens. The City has also been slow to act on the 25th Street extension. Our original plan was to start the warehouse district by building our new office on the 25th Street extension. We were told the land would be available in 2006 at the latest.

The momentum for north downtown is already established. It is not pinned on mere hopes; it is pinned on the reality of ongoing, recent and real investments. Also, the sense of urgency that the City feels for south downtown is needed for north downtown as well. The City and Council must move quickly to do their part in seeing this vital area of the city come alive. When we, as developers, have shown that unwavering commitment and invested our own money and our future in north downtown with results that benefit everyone, we hope the City will respond in kind.

I would ask the City and Council to consider stepping on the gas in moving these north downtown issues to the top of the agenda and getting them resolved in order to align the City's agenda with *actual* developments that are currently being built.

Yours truly,



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President

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